

California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) 2008–09

What is the CHSPE?

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. Eligible persons who pass both parts of the CHSPE are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the State Board of Education. The test is given in English only.

Who is eligible to take the CHSPE?

You may take the CHSPE *only if* on the test date, you:

- are at least 16 years old, *or*
- have been enrolled in the tenth grade for one academic year or longer, *or*
- will complete one academic year of enrollment in the tenth grade at the end of the semester during which the next regular administration will be conducted. (Regular administrations are the fall and spring administrations each school year.)

When is the CHSPE offered?

The administration dates for 2008-09 school year are as follows:

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Postmark Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
October 18, 2008	September 19, 2008	October 3, 2008	October 14, 2008	November 21, 2008
March 21, 2009	February 20, 2009	March 6, 2009	March 17, 2009	April 24, 2009
June 20, 2009	May 22, 2009	June 5, 2009	June 16, 2009	July 24, 2009

There is at least one test administration center in most California counties; some counties have more than one test administration center. A list of the counties and test centers may be found on the Internet at <http://www.chspe.net> or in the CHSPE Information Bulletin also available on this Web site.

Certificate of Proficiency

California law requires that the Certificate of Proficiency be equivalent to a high school diploma. Institutions that are subject to California law and that require a high school diploma also must accept a Certificate of Proficiency. A student who receives a Certificate of Proficiency may, with verified parental approval, leave high school early. The Certificate of Proficiency, however, is not equivalent to completing all course work required for regular graduation from high school. Speak to your school counselor to understand the benefits of the Certificate of Proficiency. If you are planning to continue your studies in a college or university, contact the admissions office so that you may understand its requirements and whether or not the CHSPE certificate will be accepted.

For more information:

Additional information about the CHSPE is located on the Web at: <http://www.chspe.net> or call 866-342-4773.